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to themselves and to the community.— Meeting on the ground of their common humanity, the feudal pride of the great man loses itself in the honest sympathies of nature, and the envious feelings of the peasant are converted into sentiments of attachment and respect. We, therefore, most cordially wish prosperity to those Farming Societies that already exist; and hope, ere long, to see them more widely diffused over the country. Independently of the kindly feeling which they are calculated to produce amongst the different classes of society, they actually promote a considerable increase of knowledge, and beneficial emulation amongst farmers.—

We have only to regret, that their exertions are generally too much confined to *ploughing*; which, however important, ought not to supersede a due attention to many other equally valuable parts of rural economy. But we have no doubt that, in a short time, their own experience, and the use of the best authors on agricultural subjects, will both enlarge their views, and increase their usefulness; and, firmly believing that they may essentially promote the prosperity and happiness of Ireland, we most cordially say—"God speed the plough."

But we feel that in attending to general considerations, we have lost sight of our particular object—the business of the present month. In ordinary seasons, this would be a matter of very little importance; for, January is generally the dearest and least valuable month of the year; but owing to the extreme severity of the end of last autumn, and the beginning of the present winter, it has, this season, been a period of the utmost consequence to the agriculturist. Up to the end of December, the prospect of the ensuing wheat crop was extremely gloomy; and tended much to raise the price of grain. Very little potato ground, which is principally used for Wheat in the

North, could be prepared for the seed; and even much of the fallow land remained unsown. The cold, but dry weather, however, which we have generally experienced during the present month, has enabled the farmer, in most cases, to complete his sowing in good order; and a few dry days, any time during the ensuing month, will put the usual quantity of ground under Wheat. To this circumstance, we may, in some degree, ascribe the small decline in prices that has lately taken place.

The days are gradually lengthening, and the country is beginning to assume a countenance of cheerfulness and activity. We earnestly urge our agricultural friends to *push on* their tillage, whenever the weather will permit. In our northern and uncertain climate, *early sowing* is generally of vast importance. Early and abundant harvests almost uniformly follow an early seedtime; and from this time forward, the farmer may safely sow his oats, whenever his ground is sufficiently dry to bear his horses, and cover the seed with the harrow.

We shall feel much obliged by any hints or communications from our agricultural readers; and we assure them, that we are most anxious to do them any good in our power. At the end of our reports, we shall give the lowest and the highest prices of farming produce every month, in the Belfast Market, confining ourselves to the sales of the *best qualities* of each article.

During the month of January, 1825, the variation has been as follows:

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| White Wheat, per cwt. from 15s. 9d. to 16s. 6d. | |
| Red ditto. - - - - - | 15 0 ... 15 9 |
| Barley, - - - - - | 10 0 ... 10 6 |
| Oats, - - - - - | 8 0 ... 8 6 |
| Oatmeal, - - - - - | 14 2 ... 14 8 |
| Flour, - - - - - | 26 0 ... 0 0 |
| Potatoes, - - - - - | 1 5 ... 1 9 |
| Butter, - - - - - | 92 0 ... 100 0 |
| Beef, per 120 lbs. - - - | 45 0 ... 50 0 |
| Pork, do. - - - - - | 48 0 ... 50 0 |

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